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Customer Number 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 2356.0062-05

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Appln of: )  
Maurice MONCANY et al. )  
Serial No.: 09/670,105 ) Prior Group Art Unit: 1648  
Filed: September 26, 2000 ) Prior Examiner: J. Stucker

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For: NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES DERIVED FROM THE GENOME OF  
RETROVIRUSES OF THE HIV-1, HIV-2 AND SIV TYPE, AND THEIR USES IN  
PARTICULAR FOR THE AMPLIFICATION OF THE GENOMES OF THESE  
RETROVIRUSES AND FOR THE IN VITRO DIAGNOSIS OF THE DISEASES  
DUE TO THESE VIRUSES

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application  
as follows:

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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please add the following new claims.

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--34. A purified polynucleotide that encodes a polypeptide, wherein the  
polynucleotide is selected from the group consisting of:  
nucleotides 6905-6930, 7055-7077, 7360-7384, 7832-7857, 8844-8869, 7629-  
7647, and 8224-8242 of the env gene of HIV-1 Bru, or a nucleotide sequence of a virus  
of the HIV-1 group that corresponds to any one of nucleotides 6905-6930, 7055-7077,

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Enclosed is a Supplemental Preliminary Amendment. The items checked below are appropriate:

The claims are calculated below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	14	-	20	0	x \$ 18	\$ 0.00
Indep.	3	-	3	0	x \$ 80	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim(s)				+\$270		0.00
				Subtotal	\$	0.00
				Reduction by ½ if small entity	-	0.00
				TOTAL	\$	0.00

A fee for additional claims is not required.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Dated: November 28, 2000

By:

  
Timothy B. Donaldson  
Reg. No. 43,592

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